

Minutes of the Milton Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of September 02, 2008

The Meeting was held at the Milton Public Library and started at 6:35 PM

Roll Call

In attendance were three committee members.

Bill Stoedter	Chair
Claus Hagelman	Committee Member
Denise Southard	Committee Member
Joy Lester	Committee Member
Diane Cicala	Committee Member (absent)

Site Proposal

Thanks to the good work of Claus Hagelman, DogFish Head Brewery in Milton has agreed to lease a section of their land to the Dog Park Committee for use as a dog exercise area.

The discussions of Bill and Claus with DogFish Head management yielded the following two concerns:

- They want the fencing to be attractive, not chain link.
- They want the committee to canvas and notify the neighbors living near the park.

Zoning

In order to get zoning approval, Denise will send Bill a list of all the elements required for a zoning proposal. Bill and Denise will then prepare the zoning proposal. Note, the zoning proposal must be submitted 30 days before the zoning meeting.

Non-Profit status

Bill will contact the Milton Community Foundation to determine if they can act as the repository for Dog Park fund raising activities.

Dog Park Neighbors

Bill will write an invitation to the next Dog Park Committee meeting which will include the Dog Park rules, and distribute it to the neighbors in person. If no one is home at some of the addresses, the invitation will be left at the door. Radonna Bickham from the neighborhood volunteered to help in this effort.

Fencing

Claus will look into finding appropriate fencing.

Draft Dog Park Rules

The Dog Park rules were reviewed and amended.

Other issues

Some of the attendees stated that they would like the Dog Park to have agility equipment for the dogs and asked if there would be an attendant there full time. The committee answered that while the idea of agility equipment was interesting, space and financial constraints would not allow this.

It was suggested that if we need volunteers, we should contact the local schools as organizations such as FFA, Key Club etc. are often looking for opportunities to volunteer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM